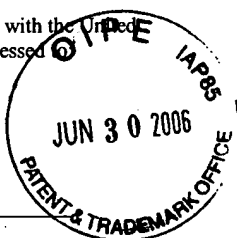


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Further to the response mailed June 15, 2006 in connection with the Office Action mailed February 15, 2006, please enter the following additional amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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